

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

January 28, 2015

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2014-246-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2015-90

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2014-246-E - Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Generic Proceeding Pursuant to the Distributed Energy Resource Program Act, Act No. 236 of 2014, Ratification No. 241, Senate Bill No. 1189 – Discuss with the Commission The Alliance for Solar Choice (TASC)'s Motion to Excuse Witnesses.

COMMISSION ACTION:

There are three motions before us to excuse a total of four witnesses from the hearing on the DERPA case, which begins on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. These witnesses are Kenneth E. Baker for Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, R. Thomas Beach and James M. Van Nostrand for The Alliance for Solar Choice, and John D. Wilson for the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. The Movants also ask that the written pre-filed testimony of these witnesses be stipulated into the record at the hearing without the presence of the named witnesses. Counsel for these entities all note the proposal of a Settlement Agreement in this case, and the fact that these entities either support the Settlement Agreement, or at least do not oppose it, and that it would either be expensive and/or inefficient to bring the witnesses to the hearing under the circumstances, or that one or more of the witnesses is otherwise engaged on the date of the hearing. No party to the case opposes excusing the witnesses. Madam Chairman, I move that we grant the motions to excuse the witnesses from the hearing, but I also move that we impose three conditions. First, counsel for the witnesses must furnish as soon as possible a written verification of the written testimony previously submitted, for the purpose of stipulating the specified written testimony and exhibits into the record of this case. Second, the excused witnesses and/or their counsel must file with the Commission and serve on the parties written and verified answers to any written questions that may be propounded by the Commission as the result of the hearing in this matter. Third, if necessary, witnesses must also be prepared to come and present their testimony orally on a day subsequent to the hearing, in the unlikely event that the Commission deems it necessary to obtain a further explanation of the witnesses' testimony. So move.

PRESIDING: HallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>
HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

